

Flower-Strewn

This Way To Those 'Tropics'

IT LOOKED as if Washington's service set had been reassigned en masse to the tropics last evening.

But though they were seen against a beautiful background of orchids and other equatorial blooms, the uniformed contingent and their ladies were right here in Washington attending a 7 p. m. invitations-only preview of the Hecht Co.'s tropical flower show.

Just inside the store's main 7th st. door was a rustic wishing well, into which people were throwing silver. The coins will be collected for the benefit of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmens Club. The flower show will be open to the public from September 13 through 18.

Orchids of every shape and color vied for attention with vivid anthuriums, woodroses, shell and torch ginger, bird of paradise flowers, roses and chrysanthemums, cleverly arranged by the store's display department.

Shortly after the party started, the Marine Band marched in, playing their fanciest, followed by a color guard of the four services. This entrance was the signal for a brief program featuring speeches by District Commissioner Renah F. Camalier, Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Marine Commandant; Harry M. Davidow, vice president and general manager of the Hecht Co., and Mrs. W. P. T. Hill, president of the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmens Club and wife of the Quartermaster General of the Marine Corps. Mr. Davidow presented Mrs. Hill with a plaque emblazoned in gold with the club's name.

Commissioner Camalier's remarks had a musical accompaniment, since as he began to speak, several canaries in cages hanging among the flowers burst into song.

GEN. Charles L. Bolte, Army Chief of Staff, and Mrs. Bolte were there, and so were Lieut. Gen. and Mrs. Charles Pearre Cabell, Navy Paymaster General and Mrs. Murrey L. Royer and Mrs. Alfred C. Richmond, wife of the commandant of the Coast Guard. Vice Admiral and Mrs. William Bronley Ammon were there, and so were Lieut. Gen. and Mrs. Truman Landon, Vice Admiral and Mrs. George H. Fort, Edgar Morris, Mrs. Francis Ulen, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Neil K. Dietrick and Mrs. Herman Feldman, and many other service and Hecht Co. people.

Mrs. Mark McClure, whose husband, Major General McClure, is in Korea, was chatting with Lieut. Gen. and Mrs. Ralph J. Canine. Mrs. J. Lawton Collins was telling friends news of General Collins, who is in Paris.

Mildred Miller, opera singer, was with her husband, Capt. Wesley W. Posvar, U. S. A. F., and Ted Schaefer, organist of the National Presbyterian Church, who accompanies her when she sings.